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President Al-Bashir promises more reductions in the cost of electricity
(*Al-Khartoum*)

Plumbly: Hague decision regarding Abyei is final
(*Al-Wifag*)

In Addis Ababa, Salva Kiir reiterates the SPLM's support of President Al-Bashir against Ocampo's ICC allegations
(*Akhbar Alyoum*)

Popular Congress Party: Our relations with the SPLM are good
(*Ray Al-Shaab*)

Southern authorities disperse a rally organized by Akol's party by force
(*Al-Intibaha*)

A joint meeting between the Government of Sudan and the opposition was held yesterday to solve the Darfur crisis
(*Ajras Al-Hurriya*)

Africa's "wise men" delegation meets political powers
(*Khartoum Monitor*)

Qatar calls on UNHRC to terminate Samar mandate in Sudan
(*Sudan Vision*)

Official: Sudan among the "world's best" in financial transparency

Addressing a transparency conference organized by several Sudanese ministries, Sudan's state minister at the cabinet, Kamal Abdel-Latif, has been quoted by Khartoum-based media as saying that "Sudan enjoys a solid record" of financial transparency. In addition, Abdel-Latif said this record "is a result of strong legislative and overseeing bodies, including the general inspector and national assembly." This contradicts Transparency International's 2008 Perception Index, which ranked Sudan as one of the most corrupt countries in the world. (*SudanTribune.com*)

Sudan "not surprised" by Botswana vow to arrest Al-Bashir

The Sudanese government has downplayed threats by Botswana to arrest President Omer Al-Bashir "if he lands on its territory." Last week, the Botswana's foreign minister, Phandu Skelemani, told the BBC that his country has a "legal duty to help ensure the appearance of Al-Bashir before the International Criminal Court." Sudanese foreign ministry spokesperson Ali Al-Sadiq said that Sudan "has no diplomatic ties with Botswana and thus neither Al-Bashir nor any other official has any need to fly there." (*SudanTribune.com*)

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